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HAMDEN HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Date: March 17, 1966

To: Dr. Leonard Parente
From: Vincent Prota
Subject: Dumping and burning at Olin Mathieson Co.
475 Putnam Avenue, Hamden

In February this office received a complaint that dumping and chemical burning was being done in the area of Putnam Avenue and Dixwell Avenue, Hamden. This burning generated odors and smoke that were quite offensive to the residents and business men in the immediate vicinity.

I personally investigated this complaint ^{3/15/66} and found it to be true and also noticed that the source of this problem was behind the gates of the property owned by the Olin Mathieson Co, 475 Putnam Avenue. It was also noticed at this time that truck loads of chemical material and rubbish were being transported from the New Haven plant to this area for disposal.

At this time I consulted with Dr. Parente, Director of Health and Mr. J. A. McGuire of the Water Company. It was decided then to approach the Olin-Mathieson Co. in order to gain entrance to further investigate the problem. Mr. McGuire arranged with Mr. Garrity to open the gate and to accompany us on an inspection of the area.

Inspection of the grounds proved that much chemical waste and debris was present in dumping pits and showed definite evidence of being burned. It must also be remembered at this time that this land is watershed area and also contains large bodies of water which could become contaminated with the possible toxic and irritating substances present close by.

It is my feeling that this matter has gone out of control and should be abated as soon as possible.

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Date: March 18, 1966

To: Mr. Al Purce, Fire Marshall
From: Leonard Parente, M.D., Director of Health
Subject: Olin Mathieson Corporation
Dump on Putnam Ave., Hamden

On Wednesday, March 23, 1966, at 10:00 a.m., a meeting will be held in the Hamden Health Department with Mr. Edward P. FappianD, Safety Director of Olin Mathieson Corporation, in order to discuss the private dump on their property on Putnam Avenue, Hamden. I shall appreciate it if you would be present at this meeting.

Leonard Parente, M.D.
Director of Health

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March 16, 1966

Mr. Edward P. Fappiano, Safety Director
Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation
275 Winchester Avenue
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Fappiano,

This is to confirm our telephone conversation of March 17 in which you agreed to be present at a meeting to be held in the Hamden Health Department on Wednesday, March 23 at 10:00 a.m., in order to discuss the question of the Olin Mathieson dump located on Putnam Avenue in Hamden.

The Health Department is located in the Hamden Town Hall, Room 21, on the second floor. We shall be looking forward to meeting you at this time.

Very truly yours,

Leonard Parente, M.D.
Director of Health

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